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TEXAS REFINERY REACHES 1,600 DAYS WITHOUT AN INJURY CAUSING TIME AWAY FROM WORK

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas— Employees at Flint Hills Resources' Corpus Christi refining complex have completed 1,600 consecutive days without an injury resulting in time away from work.

“Our employees drive our ability to achieve this performance record of keeping our workers safe while operating this large, complex facility day after day after day,” said Dave Allen, vice president and manufacturing manager. “This milestone – more than four years with no lost-time injuries – clearly illustrates the commitment of our team when it comes to safety. I salute the men and women who embody this spirit.”

The previous streak was 1,521 days without an injury resulting in time away from work.

Today, the site will earn awards from the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association for safe work achievements, including achieving an Occupational Safety & Health Administration recordable incident rate of 1.1 incidents per 200,000 hours worked, as well as for working more than 1.9 million hours without a lost-time incident in 2004.

“Working 1,600 days without a lost-time injury is a significant accomplishment that few refineries have achieved,” said Bob Slaughter, president of NPRA. “It's obvious that for employees at Flint Hills Resources in Corpus Christi, safety is not just a goal, it's a way of life. These dedicated employees work each day to prevent accidents, reduce risks and develop safer and more environmentally friendly products and processes. I applaud this team and its leaders in reaching this significant safety milestone.”

The complex, which includes an East Plant and West Plant, has two OSHA Voluntary Protection Program Star site designations. OSHA VPP recognizes facilities with industry-leading safety performance as verified by an extensive audit.

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“Corpus Christi is a wonderful place to do business and raise a family,” said Henry Garrett, mayor. “It’s made even better by employees like those at Flint Hills Resources who are committed to working safely and giving back to the community. I salute Flint Hills Resources employees for working 1,600 days without a significant injury. We are proud to be your neighbors.”

The Corpus Christi refining and chemical complex employs about 900 people, as well as more than 250 contract workers.

“It’s a rare achievement for any business to work 1,600 days – more than four-and-a-half years – without an injury resulting in time away from work,” said State Rep. Gene Seaman, R-Corpus Christi. “Flint Hills Resources employees are obviously dedicated to safe work habits – and our communities are the better for their strong dedication to safety.”

In addition to the safe workplace awards, the Corpus Christi site earned a 2004 safe-shipping award from Union Pacific Railroad.

Flint Hills Resources, LP, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. Flint Hills Resources is a leading producer of fuels and other petrochemical products. The company operates refineries in Corpus Christi, Texas, North Pole, Alaska, and Pine Bend, Minn., as well as a chemical intermediates plant near Joliet, Ill. For more information, see www.fhr.com.

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